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### Congregational Kansas Renewals December First Deadline

Each church has received lists of their present subscribers to Congregational Kansas along with a letter giving details.

Only churches having 20 per cent of their total membership, as given by the church clerk in the January first year book report, subscribing will be entitled to the 50 cent rate: all others will pay 75 cents.

Each year more churches are putting an amount in the budget sufficient to send the magazine to every church family. How better can we make our churches aware of their place in the larger fellowship? In other churches one devoted key person solicits subscriptions from every family. In still other churches the Pilgrim Fellowship Young People handle the job. Whatever your plan, try to get Congregational Kansas into every home.

December first is the deadline for renewals and new subscriptions.

### "The Joy Of It"

And the Master said, "I gave a church into your keeping; what have you done with my church?" The minister answered, "My people and I have helped build five other churches and we have tried to be their leaders and pastors." The Master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord."

And to the second minister, he said, "What have YOU done with the church I gave YOU?" He replied, "My people and I have been through sorrow and storm, but we have helped to build two other churches and are in close Christian fellowship with them." The Master said to him. "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord."

And to the third minister he said, "And you too, what have you done with my church?" And the third minister replied, "We have taken good care of your church, but we have been occupied with our own problems and too busy with our building program to be able to reach out to other churches."

You remember the ending. That church, alas, did not get to know the joy of their Lord.

**Which Church Is Your Church?**

—Adapted from a familiar parable
Courtesy of Helen Kenyon

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### Kansans at Midwest Regional

Kansas attendance at this annual gathering held this year at Rockford, Illinois was smaller than usual. Those present were: Mrs. John W. Gibson and Rev. and Mrs. John Rossel of Wichita Plymouth; Rev. and Mrs. T. N. Goodale of Kansas City First Pilgrim; Mrs. E. C. Garrison of Osborne and the Rev. A. H. Barter of McPherson.

Outstanding leaders directed thinking on the theme: "For Whom Christ Died,"

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## Thanksgiving S.O.S.

**'I Have Heard There is Grain in Egypt'**

So said Jacob to his sons in a time of hunger, in a time against which their brother, Joseph, long "lost", had stored away in the vast graneries of Egypt the surplus of 7 years of plentiful harvest. So might many hungry peoples of the earth have heard of the enormous storage of surplus agricultural products in America today; 6¼ billion dollars worth of food stuffs are piled in our graneries at a daily storage cost of $500,000. The surplus continues to grow and with it appalling waste and imminent spoilage.

And those who may have heard of our grain are the 2 out of every 3 peoples of the earth who are hungry almost all of the time. They are the 40 million world refugees. They are the peoples where famine stalks the land.

But unlike Jacob and his sons these hungry people can not go to buy grain. There is neither money nor price. The hungry lack purchasing power while our food can not be offered for sale lest it upset domestic or foreign economies. So the hungry go hungry while our barns grow larger and our souls disquieted.

**". . . hungry and ye fed me"?**

America's surplus commodities predicament and the plight of world hunger are now joining towards a common solution. Our government has made available large quantities of food surplus for the relief of hunger and disease in other countries.

The law releasing these foods provides that they be distributed by American voluntary agencies which shall pay the cost of administration and of final distribution after the food has arrived at the foreign ports. The Protestant churches are responding to this appeal through Church World Service, the relief arm of the National Council of Churches.

Church World Service aims to distribute $150,000,000 worth of commodities from 1955 through 1957. To do this the participating Protestant churches must raise $7,500,000 which is only 5% of the total value of the commodities. Of this amount our Congregational Christian share might well be $240,000 or $80,000 for each of the 3 years.

On Forefathers' Day, November 21st, how might we better express grateful remembrance of the season's harvest, our goodly heritage, and our Pilgrim tradition, than to give to this humanitarian appeal?

Offering envelopes and flyers available at the Conference office.

## Christian Social Action

Kate Lee Ewing—Editor

### Association Institutes

Dr. Hugo Thompson, a new member of the National staff of the Council for Social Action will be the main resource leader at the three Association Social Action Institutes to be held in Kansas December 6, 7 and 8. Dr. Thompson is one of the happiest finds CSA has made in leadership. He is primarily concerned with helping local churches develop worthwhile programs of social concern and interest. As a layman, he understands the layman's point of view.

The Eastern Association Institute will be held at Topeka First, Dec. 6. Southern Association Institute at Wichita Pilgrim, Dec. 7th. Western Association Institute at Russell on Dec. 8. Each institute will open at 2:00 P.M., with adjournment at 9:00 P.M. Invited are the Minister, the chairmen of any committee or group on Social Action, as well as anyone interested in this important area of Christian Concern.

### The New Refugee Program

Mr. Elfan Rees, a Welsh Congregationalist, and Secretary of Relief and Reconstruction (Refugee) for the World Council of Churches spoke most concernedly at the Rockford Mid-West Regional Meeting about the problem of Refugees. Six years ago at the First meeting of the World Council at Amsterdam they had expected the problem of Refugee repatriation would be solved by now. "It is worse, and gives evidence of continuing for some time. More cross the border each day than we can care for. We are desperately in need of Assurances signed by the Christian people of America, to give these refugees a new home and start."

Your state CSA Committee has set a goal for 10 to 15 assurances (Refugee Families) for Kansas. Could each church in Kansas look around and find a place where a Refugee family could be housed and helped to find a job — it would be an expression of our Christian Concern for these suffering neighbors?

Write the state office or The Council for Social Action, 289 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. for the necessary papers. "In-as-much as ye have done it unto me . . . "

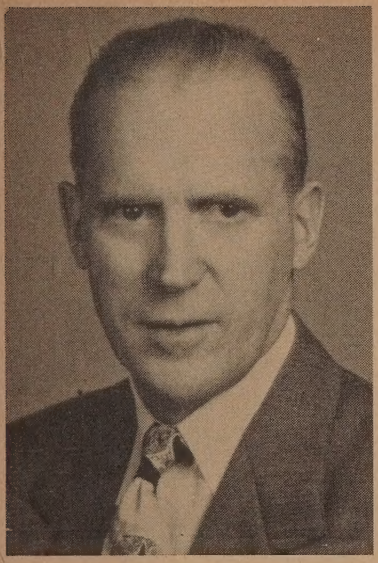
### The Washington Seminar

Each winter the CSA cooperates with other denominations in promoting a Washington Seminar in which about 300 churchmen spend three days in consultation with many of the leaders of government in our nation's capitol. If interested, write to CSA in New York. Incidentally, if you are going to New York and would like to visit the United Nations Bunlding and Program under expert guidance, write to Mrs. Herman Reissig, Council for Social Action, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. Those who have done this report the importance of her help and information on seeing what you want to see.

### Have You Read — —?

The NEW magazine of Christian Concern called SOCIAL ACTION? The October issue was on The Congressional Elections. The September issue gave a well balanced analysis of "McCarthyism" by Cameron P. Hall. New price is $2.00 a year.

Alfred H. Bartter, Chairman
State Social Action Committee



Rev. John Rossel

## John Rossel Ordained

The Southern Association met as an Ecclesiastical Council on Sunday, October 17th at Plymouth Congregational Church in Wichita for the purpose of examining John Rossel for ordination. The following churches were represented: Anthony, Emporia First, Eureka Haven, Hutchinson, Independence, Little River, McPherson, Partridge, Towanda, Whitewater, Wichita Pilgrim, and Wichita Plymouth. Individuals present as official members were: Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Rymph and the Rev. Penn S. Chambers.

Mr. Rossel read his statement of background life and faith, revealing his increasing interest in the ministry during his years of teaching, YMCA work and leadership in Christian Education. He was born in Kansas of Quaker parents, his father having been the Quaker Minister who built the first Quaker Church in the state. His statement of faith was presented in six parts: 1 — I believe in God. 2 — I believe in the authority of the Bible. 3 — I believe in the immortality of the human spirit. 4 — I believe in the existence and efficacy of moral law. 5 — I believe in the church. Following a brief period of examination, the council voted unanimously to proceed to the program of ordination.

Following a delightful supper served by Plymouth women, the ordination service was held in the sancturary. Inspiring music was furnished by the Plymouth Choir and Mr. David Dodds, soloist. The ordination Sermon was given by Dr. George Ogden Kirk. Others participating were the Rev. eGorge Fisk, the Rev. A. H. Bartter, the Rev. R. R. Zoppel, the Rev. S. J. Williams, Dr. J. Henry Hornung and Supt. L. M. Rymph.

**Announcing!**

The Washburn Ministers' Convocation to be held in Topeka, February 15, 16 and 17, 1955. The Rev. Wm. F. Keeney and his committee are lining up a very worthwhile program. Dr. Harry Thomas Stock, General Secretary of the Division of Christian Education will be resource leader. The speaker for the chapel presentations has not yet been secured.

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**Flash!**

As we go to press the pastorate of Central Congregational Church in Topeka has just been filled. The Rev. Ned Burr McKenney of the First Congregational Church in New Hampshire will assume his new duties soon after the first of the year. The McKenney's have two daughters, Mary age twelve and Margaret, eight years of age.

**Leaders At Western Session**
**Harry Eden Wright, Host Pastor; Harald Wisegarver, Registrar; Mrs. C. E. Personnet, Moderator; L. M. Rymph, State Superintendent.**

### Around The Associations

The weather was fine, the attendance good, the entertainment superb and the programs worthwhile. Much information was packed in the presentation of "Our Christian World Mission at Work" given in Southern Association under the supervision of Mrs. H. D. Ayres, in Eastern, Mrs. O. E. Bonny and in Western, Mrs. C. E. Georgeson.

Southern will meet next fall at Partridge with the Rev. Julian Johnson, host pastor. The Rev. A. H. Bartter of McPherson is Moderator; Mrs. Floyd Hayter of Anthony is Assistant Moderator and the Rev. Louis Poppe of Whitewater, Registrar.

Eastern elected Mr. Orville Reeves, an outstanding layman from Kansas City Welborn as Moderator, Mrs. Chas. Graves of Topeka Central, Assistant Moderator and the Rev. Elmer Erickson, Registrar. They accepted the invitation of Topeka Seabrook to meet in their new church home next October.

Western Association will meet next fall at Smith Center with the Rev. Harald Wisegarver and his people. Moderator for the coming year is the Rev. Henry Eden Wright of Great Bend. Mr. Leonard Cutting of Lenora is Assistant Moderator and the Rev. Malcolm White of Kinsley is the new Registrar.

### Isely Itinerary

From October 24 through November 7, Merrill and Mildred Isley, Kansas Missionaries serving for the past 34 years in Turkey visited fifteen Kansas churches as follows: Sabetha, Seneca, Onaga, Milford, Emporia First, Topeka Seabrook with Central cooperating, Topeka Seaman, Lincoln, Gaylord, Kinsley, Ford, Eureka, Plevna, Udall and Wichita Plymouth. They had previously visited Topeka First, Sedgwick and Wichita Fairmount and gave leadership at the three Association meetings.

### "Minute For Missions"

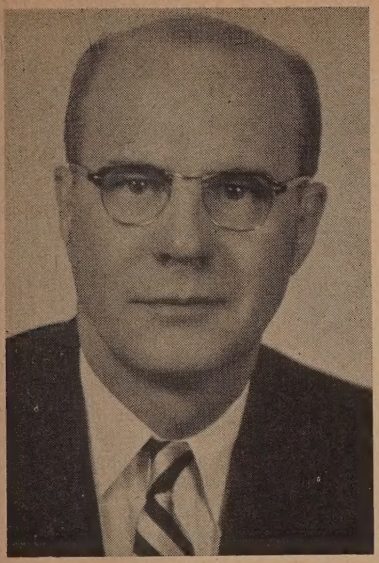
The Congregational Church in Conneaut, Ohio, highly recommends a plan used at their Morning Worship service for more than three years. At a chosen place in the worship, a pertinent piece of missionary information gleaned from "Facts from the Feild", "Advance," the American or Home Board "Report" or some other source, is told concisely by the minister or a lay person.

They say the results can not be measured, but they do know that the number of people contributing to O.C.W.M. has doubled. The people now see themselves as a part of a parish which encircles the world.

The plan sounds workable. Why not try it for a month in your church? Striking facts are available in abundance — facts which can be given forcefully in two or three sentences.

### Become An Informed Church

"When we know, we care.
When we care, we share."



Dr. Donald M. Typher

## Doane President Inauguration

On November 6, in Lee Memorial Chapel at Doane College, Dr. Donald M. Typher was inaugurated as the eighth President of Doane College. Dr. L. M. Rymph and Mr. Gordon Jones, Kansas representatives on the Doane College Board of Trustees took part in the service. A reception for Dr. and Mrs. Typher was held in Frees Hall following the formal service.

Dr. Typher came to Doane, September first after two and one half years in Washington, D. C., supervising a staff which brought more than one thousand young men and women from Europe to America for a year of study in colleges and universities in this country.

He took his A.B. degree at Cornell College, his M.A. and Ph.D from the University of Chicago. In 1951 Cornell College awarded him an LL.D. degree.

Since 1935 he has served on the staff of George Williams College in Chicago and as Director of Training for the Armed Services U.S.O. in New York City. From 1943 - 47 he served with the British National Y.M.-C.A. and the Educational Staff for Allied Forces in England, France, Holland, Germany and Belgium. The next four years he worked with the University of Education in Japan and served on the Advisory Committee of the New International Christian University of Tokyo. Since 1951 he has travelled extensively in Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Egypt, Italy, Germany and England, studying educational and welfare activities.

The Typher's have two children, Elaine, a freshman at Doane and Roger in first year of High School.

### Plan of Action on Merger

The Executive Committee of the General Council meeting jointly, October 13 with the General Council of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, voted a plan of action to merge the two denominations into a new body — The United Church of Christ, by 1957. They authorized a program of education about the united church in the local churches of the two denominations.

The merger document drawn up by the two executive groups concluded with this statement:

"We are encouraged by the spirit of understanding and mutual trust evident in this meeting. With faith in God and confidence in each other, we look forward to the consummation of this union. We are certain that any problems arising out of the union can be solved through God's grace and Christian love."

**Evangelical Committee**
Hans Poppe, Chairman

# The Invitation You Give

Sometime ago a Harvard University professor observed that in our time there are so many new ways to be 'lost'. We may not like to refer to ourselves as lost people. Yet, if our days are spent in aimlessness and emptiness, we are indeed lost to creative living.

As I understand evangelism, the "growing fellowship of the Way", it is essentially an invitation to live creatively. The Christian Community, which some prefer to call the Christian Church, is not a closed society. Its very nature is to expand, to invite. Though the requirements of the Christian community are often stressed more than its invitation, its compelling invitation of love and care is its strongest appeal to a confused and distressed humanity. The fellowship grows when it looks and finds.

### A Living Epistle

The invitation of which I speak may take several forms. It may be spoken or unspoken. Those of us who heard the Rev. Merrill Isely in his addresses before our association meetings will recall his saying that in Turkey the missionary is permitted to witness only through example. He is not given the privilege to teach by word of mouth. In Turkey, the Christian must be a living epistle. Certainly, here in our land, we want our ways to be living witnesses to God's beauty, truth and goodness. There come times, however, when a more articulate expression than the best of lives is needed. A word of mouth is needed. An invitation of words is awaited. Someone is listening for his name.

### A Personal Word

,In your community and in mine, there are families waiting for the personal word. They will gladly exchange their isolation for our companionship, their futility for our purpose. These people lost to the fellowship of the Christian Church do not just stray in. If they come at all, they will come because we ask them to come. There aren't many places we go uninvited. And what glaring invitations we receive. We are daily urged to come to the stores, restaurants, movies, political gatherings, and many other places. Why shouldn't the Church be inviting too?

### Lay Responsibility

Who will invite people to the church? Only those who see that the Church has someting to offer in its invitation to learn and play, to work and pray. It is heartening to learn that more and more the lay people of our denomination are going out two-by-two visiting the spiritually homeless. And it is also heartening to know that their cordial welcome to the Christian fellowship is met by an eager response. Your part in helping the Church to grow should be considered an opportunity as well as a responsibility. It is a responsibility, for if the lay people can not invite people to worship in your church, neither can their minister. For the church is not the minister; it is you.

Your church will grow when you awake to the knowledge that people near you will respond to gracious concern.

—Julian B. Johnson
Member, Evangelism Committee

# Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. E. C. Garrison, President

## Share The Book Year

Election time reminds a voter of his responsibility in reading about issues and candidates. We're being expected to live in a WHOLE world, and to make our Christianity and democracy work successfully enough here that our example will be acceptable to countries less fortunate.

We need also to remember the geography (see Friendship Press list for available maps), politics, social, economic and religious make-ups of the other countries.

This might be called, "Share the Book Year" for Congregational women of Kansas. A good book on the shelf is 'a-wasting'. Let's dust it off, buy another good book, read it, and get them both circulating.

Any good book that is inspirational or educational will count in our reading project, "Adventures in Reading" list, 3 cents, Pilgrim Press, 19 S. LaSelle St., Chicago 3, is a good list.

### Have You Read?

Have you read, "Mr. Jones, Meet the Master" by Peter Marshall. (The sermons and prayers would make good daily devotions in a home.), "Plain Christianity" by Phillips (excellent), "Cheyenne Autumn" by Sandoz (your husband will like this one too), "Bless This House" by Dodson, or "Still Meadow and Sugar Bridge" by Tabor, which is quiet and peaceful.

India with her 350 million newly-freed people can and may change the course of the world. Chester Bowles' "Ambassador's Report" is one of the most comprehensive studies of India I've seen, and it's easy reading. Someone in each church could well buy a copy and loan it.

### This Year

Our mission study books you may borrow from my address or buy from the Pilgrim Press. Two studies are chosen each year. If we read them as they come, we'll get a good background for the mission work of the Christian Church. "Jeep Tracks", "Face to Face With India," "Change of "Heart" and "Under Three Flags" are the Foreign Missions books of India, Pakistan, and Ceylon.

"God in the City" is the main home missions book. I enjoyed reading the plays. You might like to try, "This Thine House."

Do you remember the story of the man who said he'd obtained quite an education. He always kept a book handy to read between the time he put his hat on and the time his wife was ready to go. We might go him one better, and use not only odd bits of time, but put good reading into our daily schedule right along with bathing the baby and preparing dinner. Let's get so in the habit that we wouldn't think of going twenty-four hours without doing some good reading.

At the Eastern Association meeting, I noticed a poster in the Rosedale Church in Kansas City which said, "Books may be checked out 30 minutes following church service and 30 minutes folliwng the Women's Association meetings." Others are handling an exchange of books in their smaller groups, each one bringing a good book or two and each carrying another one home to read.

### Please Report

In your November report you might find it difficult to send a list of books read, but do let me know if you have started a reading project, and what method seems to be "taking hold."

In April I would like very much to have a 100% report on how many books your members have read this year. Will you make a list of books your members consider choice. If your methods have been fairly successful, tell us so we can pass them on.

### A Unique Program

Last Friday our Women's Association program was based on the book, "The Gospel Hymn" by Albert Edward Bailey. We listened to stories of how and when some of our hymns were written, heard something about the authors, and sang verses along through the program. It was delightful.

Clara Herrick (Mrs. E. H.)
710 Lee St., Manhattan, Ks.
Literature Secretary

### Friendly Service

A list of the overseas missionaries chosen to be served this year by the women of Kansas is given below.

Letters will be sent soon to each women's group in the state to tell of the special needs of each of the missionaries.

Personality sheets can be furnished as well as complete mailing instructions. Write your chairman for them. Let us give of our abundance this year, as never before, since the need is so great.

Miss Louise Torrence, Africa
Dr. Lora Dyer, Phillipine Islands
Dr. Harold F. Hanlin, Caroline Islands

Complete addresses as well as needs will be contained in the letter sent you. Prayers are almost always mentioned in personal letters as being of utmost importance. Let us include prayers for both home and overseas missionaries in every meeting of women's groups.

### One Last Reminder!

Include in each package a self-addressed postcard. This can be easily mailed and will serve as an acknowledgement that the package has been received.

Mrs. Walter Ives, Secretary
Mount Hope, Kansas

### Program on India

Mrs. J. L. Lockwood, Whitewater, arranged a very interesting program using the materials from the India share packet and the Friendship Press posters to set the stage. "Fun and Festival" provided ideas for refreshments and costume directions. Gajreli and tea was served. A "Getting Acquainted" playlet from "Out of The Heart Of the Gospel' 'was worked out in such fine detail that five busy mothers were able to give a fine presentation with only one rehearsal. Mrs. Lockwood told of other resources that were helpful. National Geographic magazines, 1951-52, have excellent pictures of Pakistan. "World" magazine, April 1, 1954 has an excellent article. A globe map was helpful in addition to a large map and the Missions Council table mats. They shared their program with the Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship groups the following Sunday. They were so interested in the "Share Packet" they are ordering one to help with the welfare of Indian women.

### Indian Prayer

Grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins.

# Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Norman Dirks, President

Peggy Epps, Secretary

### About Our P.F. Projects

Each month we will carry a short description of the projects which are supported by our Christian Action giving. The projects were selected for our 1955 camps at the P.F. Planning Retreat and the following is the one selected for our foreign emphasis. WILLIS F. PIERCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOR MEN, MADURAI, SOUTH INDIA is near the center of a city of 300,000 The main three storey building is modern with many private rooms and contains 109 beds. Dr. E. Chellapa is in charge. There are four other Indian doctors. Miss Ellen Lang is the only missionary on the staff who has charge of the training school for male nurses. There is a chaplain for religious work. Forty students are now in training. It costs $75.26 a year to educate a student and three years to complete the training. The graduates are much in demand in Arabia and India as it is difficult for women to find this type of employment. Boys are admitted for training after they have completed high school. If you would like more information on this project we will be glad to send it upon request. (Next month we will tell about the Westside Christian Parish in Chicago.)

### Western Rallies at Russell

Junior High groups from Kinsley, Great Bend, Osborne, Lincoln, Smith Center, Athol, Gaylord, Russell and Lenora numbered 91 October 17. Uncle Hans Poppe, Sponsor, had a full and interesting schedule which included a full hour of games led by Western Senior Prehident Kay Cutting, Lenora; a Work Day for Christ skit by Smith Center. The business meeting was conducted by Cindy Ewing, Western Chairman, Russell. Uncle Sam Lee, Osborne, showed colored slides of Alaska where he served as minister. The rally closed with an inspiring worship service in the chapel led by Smith Center P.F. All in all it was a huge success. It was a perfect day and everyone had a good time.

Shirley Phetteplace, Western
Secretary, Smith Center

### Wichita Plymouth Work Auction

For four weeks Plymouth Church held a series of Family Night dinners. Each week a dozen or so of the young people offered themselves to the congregation in a "work auction." Each young person would step to the microphone and tell what he or she could do and when they could do it. Church members then bid for their services. For example, "I can baby sit on weekends," or "wash windows on Saturday." Each worker went to the highest bidder. A great deal of fun was had doing this. Money received for the work goes to the Christian Action pledge for P.F. Russell and Lenora reported similar projects.

### Workday For Christ Reports

Reports too numerous to print have been coming in of some very successful work projects on Work Day for Christ. If you have not yet sent in your report or check, please do so as soon as possible as we must report it to our National Office.

### Observe Youth Week

January 30 - February 6, 1955 is Youth Week. Order packet early.

### "Because We Are Christians"

Dr. Harry Stock is the writer of the above entitled Youth Fellowship Program No. 6. This is the final in the Senior series and will be published December 1. Order for $1 from Pilgrim Press.

### Kansas Christian Youth Rally

The annual Kansas Council Christian Youth Rally was well attended this year on October 16 in Wichita by Pilgrim Fellowship members. Delegates were present from Wichita churces, Topeka Central and McPherson. Norman Dirks was elerted Treasurer. Congratulations Norm!

### Eastern Association Team At Work

On October 17 Peggy Epps, State P.F. Secretary and Nancy Kay, Eastern President assisted by George Epps of Topeka Central and Patricia Rozema Topeka First gave a demonstration P.F. program at Carbondale. George Epps led some games. Nancy Kay told about the P.F. program and projects and all participated in a worship service. We recommend Eastern groups who need some assistance from the Association Team to contact Rev. William Bryant, Eastern Sponsor, 925 Vermont, Lawrence or the Conference Office.

### New Junior High Secretary

The Rev. Robert A. Knowles, native of Massachusetts and former Associate Minister of the First Congregational Church of Oakland, California is the newly elected Field Secretary for Junior Highs. He has been active in the junior high program in Northern California with camps and training of leaders and is well qualified to serve in this area which has been without a secretary for several years. He is anxious to correspond with any who care to write him in regard to Junior High work. His office is at 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

### News From Around The State

A "Night of Plays" was given October 23 at **Wichita Pilgrim** by P.F.ers. This was a unique way to raise their Workday for Christ money.

**Garden City** Junior Highs accepted money for milk for Korean children in place of the usual Halloween treats for themselves.

**Wichita Fairmount** Pilgrims entertained the group from **Wichita Pilgrim** at a pre-Halloween party.

On October 24 the **Plevna P.F.** under direction of Mrs. Esther Johnson, sponsor, were in charge of the morning service. They presented a sketch on Our Christian World Mission. The program was made interesting with the use of picture sets which were obtained from the Missions Council showing the work of our church around the world.

### U.S.F. News

Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Kannarr are the reporters for the group at Manhattan. They have had an average of 39 students this fall. They started the year by meeting all freshmen students at the bus or train and helped them feel at home. Many expressed much appreciation for this as there were a number of PFers from rallies and camp. They have held meetings each Sunday since September.

### Scotland's Calling

If you hurry there may still be time to be one of the twenty groups to receive an address of a group in Scotland. Congregational young people in Scotland would like to correspond with PF groups in the U.S. Rev. Henry Rust will send your letter (if it is one of the first twenty received) to a group in Scotland. Write him direct at 14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass., if you are interested.

# Christian Education

**Pauline Bloomer, Director**

### "Share Our Surplus"

November is a traditional time of giving — but should not the harvest festival be more than a time of thanksgiving? Is it not a natural time to share with others the very things for which we now offer our thanks? Would your church school like to share in this special projject? This is the Project of the Month for the church school and is described elsewhere in this issue.

### Children's Religion

We wish to call your attention to the six special issues on Christian Beliefs and Teachings which began in November and will run through April. The themes are God, Jesus Christ, Bible, Man, Church, Immortality and Eternal Life. A year's subscription is $1.75 or you may order it quarterly with your other church school supplies for 40 cents.

### Rewards and Prizes

This is a new pamphlet which discusses this important subject. Should our church schools give rewards and prizes? Many ask this question so we highly recommend your ordering this five cent pamphlet from the State Conference Office.

### Plan Now to Attend

The 21st International Sunday School Convention will be July 27-31, 1955 in Cleveland, Ohio. The theme is "Home and Church - Teach Christ Now!"

### News in Missionary Education

There is now a Missionary News Letter for Children similar to the adult Letter of the Month. It is excellent for church school teachers. Send $1 to Rev. Armstrong Hunter, Room 508, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. for a year's subscription. "The Treasure Chest" is a magazine for Junior High age and is published in India. It is $1.25 per year for a single subscritpion. However, if you send in $2.00 you will receive a subscritpion plus one which will be sent to an Indian youth. These subscriptions should be sent to the Committe on Christian Literature for Women and Children in Mission Field, Inc., 156 Fifth Avenue, Room 1032, New York 10, N.Y.

### Weekday Church School

Mrs. Perc Rayl, Kansas City Welborn, is principal for the Weekday church school in the Welborn community. This large program has a staff of twenty-seven teachers and reaches more than 700 boys and girls.

### Filmstrips for the Holidays

Why We Have Thanksgiving.
The Story of Thanksgiving - children
Thanksgiving With Jesus - children
Harvest of Holidays - family
Let Us Give Thanks - adult worship
Christmas Around the World
When The Littlest Camel Knelt
Martin The Shoemaker - meditation
Each With His Own Brush

Several new Christian Filmstrips are on order. Watch for announcement. All the above filmstrips are available free from the Conference Office upon request. Payment of postage is appreciated.

### Wakefield

Primary children gave money in addition to their regular offerings to the

"Chest of Joash." It was used for local causes as well as foreign missions. This was reported in "What's Doing " a quarterly newsheet put out by the church school.

### Lawrence

Professor Charles Johnson from Kansas City University gave leadership for a very stimulating meeting on methods of teaching for the church school staff October 5. Miss Maud Ellsworth, also from K.U. will give special help in the use of creative activities at follow-up meetings.

### Kansas City Ruby

Young people in the junior high and senior high departments met at the parsonage for their classes in September. These were breakfast meetings.

### Plevna

Rally Day was observed October 10 with a fellowship dinner and a Church School program in the afternoon. Each class shared something they had learned. Special recognition was given the Virgil Geist family of seven for services rendered and perfect attendance for the preceding year.

### Smith Center

Two new classrooms are taking shape in the basement of the parsonage. This will provide space for classes from the 3rd through 8th grades who have been meeting in the kitchen and choir sections. High school students have been meeting in the parsonage living room.

### Christmas Materials

Next issue of "Tomorrow" will list materials annd special projects.

### An Unusual Request

If you have some old copies of the CHILDREN'S RELIGION magazine laying on the shelf or wonder what can be done with them, here is the answer. The Reverend George W. Scandrett, 1 Collace Street, East Brunswick, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia has written that this magazine has proved to be an outstanding success with his teachers. People there cannot subscribe directly because of currency restrictions but may receive used copies from any one who cares to send them. This would be a most appreciated gift among teachers in our Australian church. Be sure to mark any copies that are mailed "Used Material Of No Commercial Value."

### Halloween Projects

Kansas City Rosedale and Sabetha reported a coins or pennies asking instead of the usual "tricks or treats." In both cases the projects were very well organized beforehand. The Ministerial Association of Sabetha sponsored it among all the churches. Each had a party for the children following their canvass. Garden City reported a similar project in the P.F.

### Circulating Book Kits

A plan has been worked out by the Christian Education Committee for a book kit to be available to churches in each association. There will be three kits made up just as soon as the book cases for mailing can be secured. More information will reach you shortly but if you are interested in having your name on the list at an early date please contact Mrs. C. E. Georgeson, Lenora, who is state Christion Education Chairman for the Women's Department. This is a special project which will be in charge of the Association Christian Education Assistants.

# Kansas Laymen's Fellowship

**Carl Althaus**
**President**

**Bill Cribbs**
**Vice President**

**Ralph Ewing**
**Secretary-Treasurer**

### Association Leaders

Southern Association re-elected Mr. J. L. Napier of Newton as Laymen's Chairman and Mr. Levi Zimmerman of Whitewater as Vice Chairman.

Eastern elected Mr. Robert Calderwood of Seneca as Chairman.

Western elected Mr. Chris Hildebrand of Great Bend as Chairman and Mr. Lee Schmeil of Osborne as Vice Chairman .

## First Nationwide Laymen's Convention

This historic convention sponsored by the National Laymen's Fellowship will be held at Palmer House in Chicago, February 25-27, 1955. A $20.00 participation fee will cover all meal costs except breakfasts, printed matter, expense of speakers and operation of the meeting. Palmer House Master Sleeping rooms containing four single beds and bath can be secured for $3.50 per person, per day, if reservations are sent early.

### Theme: "At Work With Christ"

Mr. Walter Graham, Director, promises nationally known speakers, warm felowship, powerful singing, outstanding exhibits, inspiring devotional services, seminars by vocations, meaningful communion service, good rooms and fine food. All this and more!

### Leadership

The speakers will include Vice President Richard Nixon, Representative Walter Judd, American Board Vice-President Alford Carlton, Home Board Vice-President Truman Douglass and Missions Council Secretary Henry Smith Leiper. Dr. Douglas Horton, Minister of the General Council, will be chaplain for the entire convention.

### Further Information

Write the Conference Office for registration and hotel reservation blanks. We hope at least 25 Kansas laymen will atetnd. Mark the dates February 25-27.

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### Laymen's Officer's Planning Conference

Plans are being made for a meeting of the state and assocation officers of Kansas Laymen's Fellowship in Topeka on Sunday afternoon and evening November 21st. The meeting will be held at the state parsonage.

Plans for promotion of the Chicago meeting will be made, and the possibility of having a second Laymen's Workshop next fall will be discussed.

### Laymen's Sunday

On October 17, laymen of the United Church at Osborne conducted the morning service. Laymen brought the morning message and a Men's Choir furnished the music. Later in the month the United Laymen's Fellowship was organized. The group will meet on the fourth Wednesday night of each month.

### Men At Work

At Kinsley a group of men spent many hours preparing the ground and seeding the church lawn to grass.

The Charles Holbrook Library
Pacific School of Religion
1798 Scenic Ave.
Berkeley 9, Calif.

### Topeka First Building Fund

Following a week of imparting information and challenge to every group in the church, and the intensive training of one hundred laymen, the Building Fund Campaign held in Topeka First on October 3, netted $80,000.00 in pledges. Follow up visits since that day have brought the amount to approximately $90,000.00 of the $100,000.00 goal

It is hoped that construction of the $150,000.00 Christian Education unit can be started this spring. Credit for the great success of the campaign is due largely to the untiring efforts of Mr. Wayne Harding, chairman of the campaign; the Rev. Cyril M. Hicks, guest leader; and the Rev. Ray Carlton Jones, minister.

### Ministerial Library

Many books from the library of the late Rev. Vernon Benson can still be obtained by writing the Rev. T. Merton Rymph at the Parsonage in Anthony. Mrs. Benson will greatly appreciate help in the sale of this library; checks should be made to her and they will be forwarded to her at McPherson. Lists were sent to ministers last spring, but additional lists of the books are still available at the conference office.

### Anniversary At Lenora

Our Lenora Church celebrated its 70th anniversary on October 31 and Nov. 1. The morning worship with Supt. Rymph bringing the message was followed by a covered dish dinner and program of reminiscing and recognition of former members. The annual bazaar and turkey dinner was held the following day. The Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Nelson are giving interim leadership at Lenora since the McKeeman's were called to Milford.

### Pews and Equipment

Seabrook Church in Topeka expresses gratitude to members of Central Church and other friends who have contributed toward purchase of pews for the new church sanctuary. Money from their bazaar to be held on Nov. 17 will go toward purchase of kitchen and dining room equipment.

### A Thing of Beauty

Those who attended the Eastern Association meeting in Kansas City Rosedale were deeply impressed with the beautiful 14 foot cross recently given as a memorial by the W. B. Scott family. Accentuated by the lovely dossal curtain of deep red, the white cross and the well filled horn of plenty created an atmosphere of worship long to be remembered.

# CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS

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## Tours With A Purpose

It is relatively easy to bring back pictures, handicrafts and all the things one does when visiting another country. One can share impressions and tell interesting incidents but cannot easily share the deeper aspects sensed with regard to human relationships. The friendly spirit and good will of peoples — both native and missionary was greatly felt by those who went on the 1954 Puerto Rico tour. Ten days were spent in fellowship with those who serve our churches, Ryder Hospital, and Yuquiyu. Briefly, just to mention a few, there were the Rev. Joseph Bevilocqua who ministers to our churches, Dr. Smith and Betty MacDonald at Ryder and Ivan Chatham at Yuquiyu. Through their technical services and their exemplification of the Christian spirit the gospel itself is set forth in life and action. We hope you may be able to go and personally become acquainted with those who serve our interests in Puerto Rico. It will make you both proud and humble. The Puerto Rico tour for 1955 is January 31-February 10. The cost is $225 from New York. It is necessary to make reservations as soon as possible. Write Rev. Philip M. Widenhouse, 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10. Other tours for 1955 are:

**Southern Tour — USA** (Midwest Section)
April 12-26, 1955. For estimated cost write to: Miss Ione Catton, 19 So. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.

**Europe** and the **Middle East**
June 20-August 1, 1955. For estimated cost write to: Rev. Ray Gibbons, 289 Fourth Ave., New York 10.

**For information** on tours to Africa, Asia, Around the World write to Rev. Ralph R. Shrader, 14 Beacon St., Boston 8, Mass.

### A D.P. Family

Wichita Pilgrim Couple's Club recently had an old-fashioned box social. Proceeds go toward advancing transportation costs for a D.P. family which they will sponsor. More sponsors are needed. Has your church given careful consideration to this great need?

### Almena Harvest Home

The 25th Annual two-day Harvest Home Festival included special services on Sunday with a dramatization by the High School class Sunday evening. The Rev. Mrs. Stella McCoy of Wichita spoke. The usual booths, auction and supper on Monday netted almost $700.00.

### Guest at Neola

The Rev. Alfred H. Bartter spoke on the World Council Assembly and showed the official color slides at a Monthly Family Night at the Neola Church on October 25th.

### Centralia

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Smith are happily settled in the parsonage at Centralia. They held Open House, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 21. They are now busy calling on every church family.

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## Christmas Every Day

Christmas comes every day if we are but ready to sing the carol. The hour in which we begin to realize a cherished hope, the hour when something better slips within our grasp, the hour when a beautiful dream comes true — that hour is always Christmas morning.

As Mary gave us His infant body, so in the hearts of upward, struggling men there had long before been conceived the spirit of Christ. Every time a prophet caught a larger vision of truth, Destiny wrote a new score in the angels' Christmas song. When the chorus was finished, the babe and the angels were ready. He was indeed the Son of Man.

So long as men look for God, so long as artists struggle and inventors hope, so long as parents yearn and children trust, so long as maidens love and young men apire, so long as labor dreams and industry creates, so long it is Christmas eve, and tomorrow the world may say, "Unto us a child is born."

The joy of creation — the consciousness of having mothered, while God fathered, a new truth, a new beauty or a new value — this is the essence of the Christmas spirit. This is Christmas.

—Sylcester A Long

Note: Mr. Long, outstanding layman at Wichita Plymouth wrote the above Christmas message in 1915, and reprinted it last year.

## Evangelism Committee

Hans Poppe, Chairman

## Conservation of Members

"I am sorry, but I didn't even know there was a Congregational church here, and have joined elsewhere." I wonder how often that remark is heard by church people who have failed to extend a friendly invitation soon enough to a new family in the community. No doubt it happens all too often.

Or how often has a minister had to apologetically say to a family, "I am sorry, but I didn't know you had moved to our community." This is an even worse situation and one in which one minister should not place another. Every year thousands of members of our Congregational Christian churches are "lost." These "lost" members now total over 150,000, a staggering and dis-heartening figure — a figure that our local churches must do something about.

Many churches undertake a revision of their membership rolls at the beginning of the year. This is a task that is not to be looked upon as an unpleasant one, but rather as a challenging one, a responsibility to many members who have become non-resident, a responsibility, to recreate their interest in new church homes.

If your church has not revised its rolls in recent years, maybe you should consider it as a project early in 1955. If you are planning a revision of the rolls, there are a few things that are very important to remember.

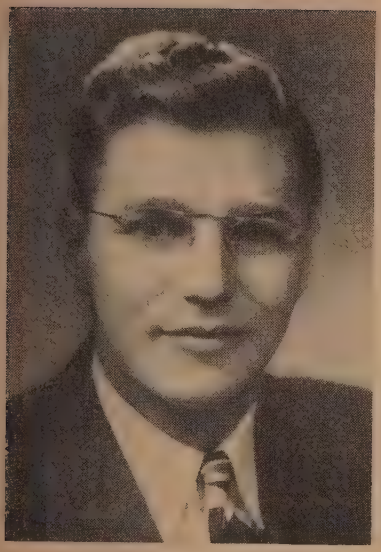
First of all, do not begin to clear out the "dead wood" with a "big ax." Revision of the rolls is a delicate operation to be carried out with great care. No one should be dropped from a church roll without being contacted. Every effort should be made to interest non-resident members in a new church home. The minister in their new community should be notified and asked to help these people find a happy church home. Special cards for this purpose are available free.

We must have a conscientious concern for our many non-resident members. We must make a supreme effort to revitalize our churches by rewinning these people to active participation. The chart, "Strengthen Thy Brethren" will help to inspire a committee to go out and bring in members who have grown indifferent. It is available at the conference office. Then let the same committee undertake an intelligent roll revision, even though it may cut your membership total. Mere numbers are meaningless.

Robert E. Gurtler,
Evangelism committee Member

### Reformation Festival

An inspiring example of united Christian witness occured in Eureka on Sunday, October 31st when the Congregational Church, Christ Lutheran, Upper Fall River and St. Paul Lutheran Churches joined in a union Reformation Service. A portion of Luther's own adaptation of the ancient evening liturgy was used. The united choirs offered an inspiring number by Bach. The Rev. A. L. Angersbach, Christ Lutheran pastor gave a short address and the sermon was delivered by Dr. R. Banks Blocher. Everyone came away feeling a rededication to the heritage that is ours as Protestants and united churchmen.



Rev. Ned Burr McKenney

## McKenney to Central Church

Early in January the Topeka Central parsonage at 1171 Mulvane will be buzzing with activity as the Rev. and Mrs. Ned Burr McKenney and their two daughters, Mary, 12 and Margaret 8, get settled in their new home. Mr. McKenney comes to our Topeka church after a ten year pastorate at First Congregational Church in Concord, New Hampshire. He earned his A.B. degree from Amherst College, his B.D. from Bangor Theological Seminary and his masters in theology from Hartford Theological Seminary.

We are happy to share the following commendation from his New Hampshire Superintendent: "He is one of the best all-round ministers in the state — an able preacher, a superior administrator, and a most indefatigable pastor. He has been generous as a servant of good causes in the city. He is most cooperative in Association and Conference affairs. His church program is one of the most complete and effective that I know. His wife is a most loyal, attractive and devoted person."

Mr. McKenney has been very active in community enterprises at Concord including Red Cross, Community Chest, Concord Family Service, Greater Concord Council of Churches and Christian Civic League. In 1950 he travelled in Western Europe as a member of the American Seminar, studying post-war, social, economic and political conditions.

Mr. McKenney was called to Central by a committee headed by Dr. Merton French and Mr. Waldo Wilmore with Mrs. Kent Lyle as Secretary. Dr. Charles W. Helsley retired the middle of September after an eleven year pastorate at Central Church.

### Meador to Stockton

Following a five year pastorate at our Newton Congregational Church, the Rev. O. T. Meador resigned to take over leadership at our Congregational Church at Stockton, Kansas December first. He had a previous pastorate at Stockton, leaving there in 1941 to take over the Almena-Lenora Larger Parish. Each church he has served has made marked improvements in their church plants and an increase in membership.

Mrs. Meador is teaching in the Newton schools and plans to complete the school year there before joining her husband at Stickton. Their daughter, June, is a Sophmore at Doane College and is majoring in music.

### At Work at Wichita Pilgrim

In late September the Rev. Harold Gentzler began work as Director of Religious Education at Pilgrim Con-

Rev. Harold Gentzler

gregational Church in Wichita. Mr. Gentzler is a graduate of Texas Christian University, with a Master's degree in religious education from the College of Bible, Lexington, Ky. He has served churches in Independence, Missouri; Fresno, California; and Rock Island, Illinois and has worked with the Young Men's Christian Association.

Pilgrim Chuch, not yet four years old, has grown to a membership of more than 500 so that added staff leadership became necessary. Mr. Gentzler is married and lives at 1626 S. Pinecrest. The Rev. Richard R. Zoppel is minister of the church.

## Installation Services

On November first the **Rev. Merton Rymph** was installed by an ecclesiastical council made up of churches of the Southern Association. The meeting was moderated by the Rev. A. H. Bartter, with the Rev. John Jones as scribe. Mr. Rymph's paper revealing his Christian background, experience and faith was outstanding. A delicious courtesy supper was served by women of the Anthony Church. At the service of installation, Supt. Rymph spoke on "The High Calling."

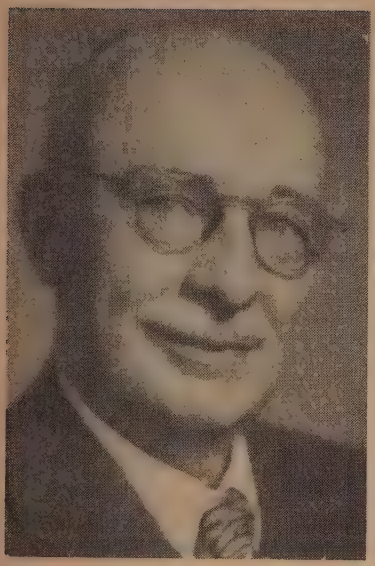
The charge to the minister by Dr. J. Henry Hornung and the charge to the congregation by Dr. George Ogden Kirk, were an inspiration and challenge to all. Mr. and Mrs. Rymph were born, raised and educated in Wichita and took up leadership at Anthony following Mr. Rymph's graduation from Boston School of Theology last June. They have one son, Richard Douglas, two years of age.

### Tonganoxie Congregational

Tonganoxie Congregational Church was host at an installation service for the Rev. Robert W. Jahns on November 28. The church sanctuary and fellowship hall were lovely — newly decorated and adorned with fall flowers.

Mr. Jahns read his paper which revealed clear thinking and steadfastness of purpose and conviction. The service was moderated by the Rev. Elmer Erickson with the Rev. Wm. F. Keeney acting as scribe. The installation service followed the paper, preceding the fellowship supper. Assisting in the service were Chaplain and Mrs. Gerkin of the Boy's Industrial School in Topeka where Mr. Jahns took clinical training the past summer. Supt. Rymph spoke briefly on "Man's Deepest Hunger" and the Rev. Dale Turner gave the charge to the congregation. Food served by the Tonganoxie women was delicious.

**The Rev. Robert E. Baker,** new minister at Leavenworth will be installed with fitting services on December 13. Mr. Baker came to Leavenworth in October from the Pilgrim Congregational Church in San Antonio.



Dr. Harry Thomas Stock

## Washburn Convocation

**February 15, 16 and 17**

Dr. Harry Thomas Stock of Boston, Nationally known Congregational Christian educator and author will bring leadership to the three-day meeting of Congregational ministers to be held in Topeka, February 15, 16 and 17. As General Secretary of the Division of Christian Education, one of the major productions has been the Pilgrim Series, a total church School curriculum used not only by our churches, but by many other denominations. Dr. Stock has been with the Division of Christian Education for more than thirty years. He says: "Religious education is no longer a fringe activity of a few faithful people but rather it is the church itself fulfilling one of its main functions."

The chapel speaker at Washburn and resource leader for the ministers program will be the Rev. Daniel Joseph Bowden, Director of the School of Religion at Indiana University. Mr. Bowden has earned a B.D. and a Ph.D. both at Yale. He was ordained to the ministry of the Congregational Christian Church in 1936. He was a member of the faculty of Elon College 1935-53 before taking his present position. Since 1948 he has been a member of the Committee on Student Counseling for the Hazen Foundation.

As usual, at least twenty-five of the out-of-town ministers will be housed and given breakfast at the State Parsonage. This annual gathering features fellowship.

Mark the dates — plan to attend.

## A Practical Memorial

McPherson Couples Club recently dedicated a sturdy and useful Bar-B-Q fireplace in the church yard, honoring the late Rev. Vernon Benson, former minister. Using stone from the foundation of the old parsonage and skill of a master craftsman, Mr. C. B. Smith, the fireplace pictured below, was dedicated on November 7 at a special serivce following morning worship.

**From left to right: C. P. Smith, designer and builder; Will Clevenger, trustee; Rev. A. A. Bartter; Seigfried Benson; Mrs. Vernon Benson; Harvey Hartman, President, Couples Club and W. H. Mills, Committee Chairman**

## C. Fosberg Hughes To Sioux City

On January first the Rev. C. Fosberg Hughes and family will move to Sioux City, Iowa where he becomes the minister of First Church, founded in 1857. Mr. Hughes has been with us in Kansas since 1942. He served the Lawrence Plymouth Church with dintinction for six years, after a three year pastorate in Greeley, Colorado and a four year pastorate in Cadillac, Michigan.

A little more than five years ago, the Kansas Conference Extension Committee extended a call to Mr. Hughes to organize a community service type church in Prairie Village. The Conference, with the help of the Church Building Society, had previously purchased a site for the church and a parsonage, under construction. The early budget of the church was underwritten by the Conference and the Board of Home Missions. Within the first five years of Mr. Hughes' pastorate this church has grown to such financial and numerical strength that it has now come to self-support. Today the church owns property worth more than $100,000.00 and is in the process of liquidating the remaining portion of its mortgage indebtedness. The church carries on a well-rounded program fully staffed with the needed voluntary workers. The church is optimistic as it faces the future, although it is having a new experience, seeking a new minister. Colonial Church stands ready to build the future on foundations well laid under the guidance of Mr. Hughes and has elected a Pastoral Committee of nine representative members to guide in the selection of new leadership.

During the time the Hughes' family has been with us we have learned to love all of them. We extend to Fosberg and Mary, Ann and Tommy, our sincere best wishes as they move to their new home. It will be quite a transition to shift gears from shepherding a young church to administer the work of a church of established strength with traditions growing out of a century of work. As Fosberg leaves the state, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks for his leadership given to two of our churches and for his fraternal help in the work of the conference.

### Youth Worker

Wichita Fairmount has added a part-time staff member to work with young people. Mr. Robert Koop, a teacher at Mathewson Intermediate School will take over supervision of the Junior Hi Pilgrim Fellowship and the Junior Hi basketball team. He will also be available for counseling with young people and their parents.

### The Song of Little

A little maid, a little shed
A little town, a cattle stall,
A little straw, a little bed,
A little Child — that is all
That can be said
About the Little Light, the Flame
That into the dark world came.

So if you're little, if you're small,
If nobody cares for you at all,
If, through the darkness in and out,
You, lonely laden, go about,
Your heart is ready, your heart is right
And little enough for the Little Light
Of Christmas night —
And little enough for the Little Flame
That into the sad world came.

By Thomas Butler

**LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OFFICERS MEETING AT RYMPH'S, NOVEMBER 21, 1954**

**Seated: Carl Althaus, Ralph Ewing, Levi Zimmerman. Standing, Don Maxwell, Bob Calderwood, Lee Schmeil and L. M. Rymph**

At the recent planning session one of the major items for consideration was planning promotion of the First Nation-wide Congregational Laymen's Convention to be held in Chicago, February 25-27. Six scholarships were awarded from the Kansas Laymen's Fellowship treasury. Registrations already sent in are: Robert Calderwood, Lee Schmeil, Chester Bidleman, Bob Rymph, Chester Milne and Don Maxwell.

Mr. Ralph Ewing reported that almost $2000.00 had been sent to Doane for refurnishing the student chapel there as a Memorial to the late Frank Korab. The work is under way. An additional $500.00 is needed to complete the job.

A second annual Kansas Laymen's meeting was approved for next fall and the date set for September 24 and 25. Plans were also made for the Laymen's meeting at Garden City during the State Conference session, May 3, 4 and 5.

### Fifty Men

Kansas P.F.'ers won't soon forget the meals prepared and served by about 50 laymen of Lawrence Plymouth under the leadership of Dr. Ted Kennedy. The three meals included supper, breakfast and lunch for more than 280 young people and sponsors. The men can well be proud of the fact that not a woman's hand touched the food, either in the preparation stages or the clean up that followed. This sets something of a record.

### Every Member Canvass

Reports are coming in of the fine work of men across the state on E.M.C. Sunday. At Wichita Plymouth almost 200 men worked on November 14 and brought in pledges totalling almost $10,000 more than their $67,000.00 budget. Many other churches have promises for a good year in 1955 — thanks to the loyal teams of men.

# Kansas Women's Department

**Mrs. E. C. Garrison, President**

**Message from Rockford**

I wish you could have heard Dr. Nels Ferre on the opening day of our Mid-West Regional meeting. He made the teachings of Jesus so real, so simple and so accessible.

I wish you could have heard three young ministers tell about Student Summer Service work; Rev. Midgeley, minister of a church near the campus of University of South Dakota, as he told of one of his student members, a Phi Beta Kappa, snatched up by General Electric to take a position as an Atomic Scientist in Seattle, Washington. This young man seeing the need for leadership among young couples, gave the position up and went into the Seminary to study for the ministry.

Also Mrs. Harriet Harmon Dexter, author of "Financing Faith" as she talked to the women on the Stewardship of Life. If our women would only take her book seriously and follow her advice!

I am sure you would have felt much the same as I, embarrassed and sick at heart, if you had listened to Mr. Elfan Rees and Dr. Percy Julian. Mr. Rees is the advisor on Refugee Affairs with the United Council of Churches. We have failed miserably to accept our share of displaced persons. Dr. Julian discovered "Cortisone" for us; also many other life-giving drugs including one which has saved the lives of thousands of pre-mature babies and mothers. Because of the color of skin, his life and the lives of his family have been threatened. We say, "My, My — what a pity" and go on with our daily routine and do nothing.

Wisconsin has done something to encourage the commitment of young people to full-time Christian service. Last Labor Day weekend they held a retreat at Green Bay. Speakers talked to them on opportunities open in missionary administration field and other Christian vocations. One speaker was a student from the Chicago Seminary and Iowa sent a bus load to the meeting.

Chicago Seminary invites High School seniors for week-ends. One city in Illinois has a representative from the seminary at their Senior High Vocation Day.

Oh! how I wish you could have heard Dr. Hivale, founder of Ahmednagger College in India. He is a Harvard graduate and from a Christian family in India. I am sure you would have a different opinion of the people of India and of Mr. Nehru. They need scholarships badly to train national leaders. He again urged us to read Ambassador's Report by Chester Bowles.

I wish you could have sat quietly each evening and listened to kindly Dr. Faulkner (colored) as he conducted "Family Prayers" at the close of each day.

Finally — there are three kinds of people. Some make things happen; some watch things happen; some do not know what is happening. Which kind are you?

Mrs. E. C. Garrison

**NOTE**

Do not send anything to Mrs. Pratt at Ellis Island. Due to new policies with incoming immigrants Ellis Island has been vacated.

# Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

**Norman Dirks, President** **Peggy Epps, Secretary**

**Peggy Epps. State P.F. Secretary**

**Meet Your State Secretary**

Peggy is an active member at Topeka Central Church and is a senior in Highland Park High School. Camping has been one of her major interests. She has been very active in P.F. and U.C.Y.M. activities for several years.

**Youth Week — January 30-February 6**

This year's theme is "One Fellowship In Christ." The Youth Week Manual, 20 cents, will help you in detailed planning. The Radio Play "Why Join" may be used in various ways. Worship services and promotional folders are available from the National Council of Churches, 79 E. Adams St., Chicago 3, Ill. A complete packet may be secured for 50 cents. Use the holiday season for some real planning to make this an outstanding week in your town.

**West Side Christian Parish**

This is our special Home Mission's project chosen by our State P.F. Officers for our 1955 camp Christian Action. West Side Christian Parish is located in that part of Chicago which was once the crime-ridden and Capone gang infested area of the city. Here Negroes, Mexicans, Italians and Puerto Ricans are familiar with all the curses of American cities. Its two-story tenements and commercial buildings, its crowded streets, are crawling with life. Our work began here in 1951 when the Rev. Archie Hargraves and his wife from East Harlem Parish, New York began a similar ministry in Chicago. A building was purchased and house to house surveys were made. In time the parish extended throughout a number of blocks providing recreation, help for unemployed and a simple place to worship. Teen-agers swarmed the place. Today several staff members have been added. They are helping people find their way, find work, hope and faith. We suggest you learn more about the needs of this group throughout the year. Correspond with them (Rev. J. A. Hargraves, 158450 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago 8, Illinois.); visit them if you are in Chicago, send them a Christmas Box of toys for the children. For further details read the November P.F. Preview and the report by the Minnesota P.F.'ers who visited recently. Also see topic 2 in "God In Our Lives" program booklet entitled "Labels and Libel." We too can help send the "good news of Jesus Christ" through our concern.

### Work Day for Christ

Total receipts to date are $884.76 to go to our Christian Action projects at home and around the world. Have you sent in your check? We make a National report soon and would like to include your church.

### What Goes On

**Kansas City Welborn** Pilgrims have been securing the Congregational Kansas subscriptions for their church.

**Topeka Central** and **Seabrook** groups had floats in the Christmas Parade sponsored by the Council of Churches to put religion back into Christmas.

A new Junior High group has started at **Sabetha.** Mrs. Charles Aeschliman and Mrs. Leonard Rockwell are sponsors.

**Whitewater** Pilgrims were busy December 1 helping with the Second Annual Fall Festival at their church. They set up entertainment booths.

**Topeka First** recently had Wes Santee, the famous Kansas miler, as their guest speaker.

**Lenora** has a new Junior P.F. group. They have had several projects. They helped with the church furnace fund and made turkeys for the children's ward at Norton State Sanitarium. They also made booklets and posters out of used Christmas cards for Friendly Service.

### Smith Center Youth Program

For the second year a Youth Week Program was held. Not only the churches of the city, but the Civic Clubs, P.T.A. and other groups cooperated. Uncle Dale Turner, Lawrence was the featured speaker and conducted discussion sessions with both young people and parents. The program was planned by the young people but was sponsored by the entire city.

### New Game Book

The Iowa P.F. has compiled a 12-page booklet "Your Job As Recreation Leader" for 10 cents. It contains skits of all kinds, games, party planning and miscellaneous ideas. If you would like a copy write and send 10 cents to Pilgrim Fellowship, Congregational Christian Conference, Grinnell, Iowa.

### Are You Using the Youth Kit?

Filmstrips in this kit were especially prepared to help in explaining the various parts of our youth program. The titles are listed and are available upon request from the Conference office for postage only.

**We Have This Fellowship**
**The Faith of A Guy**
**Gallery of Witnesses**
**I Found A New World** (missions)
**The Measure of A Man**
**How Wide Is Your Circle**
**Big Enough to Tackle**

We suggest that they be used by the senior High groups.

### New Program Booklet Now Available

"Because We Are Christians" is the final unit in the series of Youth Fellowship Program booklets. The format and contents are similar to previous booklets entitled Everyday Christians, Faith In Action, Living Our Religion, Crossroad Decisions, and God In Our Lives. The price is $1.00 available from Pilgrim Press. These are recommended for the Senior High groups.

### Rallies

The final statewide rally count was over 280 at Lawrence. Reports from many groups say they had a wonderful experience. Association Rally dates are Southern, February 26-27, Kiowa; Eastern, March 25-26, Topeka First; Western, April 23-25, Smith Center. Mark the dates on your calendar.

# Christian Education

**Pauline Bloomer, Director**

"Not what we give, but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare;
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three,
Himself, his hungering neighbor, and me."

—James Russell Lowell

### Share Our Surplus

This project which was outlined in the November issue of Congregational Kansas is still the most urgent need. It has been carried over as the December Project of the Month. To help your church school visualize and dramatize this giving project a world map poster with stickers to be applied as money gifts are given, is available from the Missions Council, Room 102, 14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass. There is no charge for the poster.

### Hot Dogs for the Heifer

Topeka Central boys and girls served a hot dog supper November 20 to raise money for a heifer's care through the winter and transportation next fall to the point of embarkation overseas.

### "Children and TV"

How to make the most of it is very well presented in a new pamphlet under the above captioned title. This is an Association for Childhood Education publication and is 75 cents. Conference copy may be borrowed from loan library.

### Life Filmstrips

The special issues of Life Magazine devoted to The World We Live In Series have been made available in colored filmstrip form. These will be excellent for study in the spring quarter Pilgrim Series units — God and His World.

**The Earth Is Born**
**The Miracle of the Sea**
**The Face of the Land**
**Metamorphosis**

These are now available from the Conference Office upon request for payment of postage.

### Prairie Village

A lovely candlelighting vesper service was given by the Junior High young people November 28. All members of the church were invited. Thankoffering gifts were given to worthy causes in the city. A brand new movie projector was recently purchased through the efforts of the Colonial Ladies and the Board of Religious Education.

### Pilgrim Circuit Rider Returns

On November 28 Miss Leila Anderson and the Pilgrim Circuit Rider stopped at our Leavenworth Church enroute to Missouri. Conferences were held with church school leaders.

### Christmas Workshops

Several churches reported the workshop type program as outlined or adapted from the Pilgrim Series Program Manual.

### Wanted: Questionnaires

The Christian Education Questionnaires which were sent to ministers have not all been completed and returned to the Conference Office. If you have not yet returned yours or have misplaced it, one will be sent upon request.

### Kansas City Rosedale

"Tricks, shirts or treats" was the cry again this year on Halloween night by the children in the Kindergarten through Junior Departments. They were unable to cover as many streets as last year, but they returned with $64 and quite a few shirts. The amount has since grown to $70 with more coming in. Plans have been made to send the money to release foods under the Share Our Surplus program. It was estimated that $1400 worth of milk, butter, cheese and bread could be sent to those who need it.

### Have You Used the India Kit?

You will recall that there is available a selection of handicrafts to use for programs, classes or groups in the church when studying about India. This kit is available upon payment of postage from conference.

### Johnny and Pilgrim Series

This is a brochure which helps in presenting the structure of the courses. You may have these in quantity upon request from the Conference Office.

### Bible and Devotional Books

Some of the following books are among those selected as most suitable for boys and girls:

Pre-School

**My Bible Book,** Janie Walker, 75¢

Kindergarten-Primary

**Isaac of the Tents,** Entwistle, 60¢

**Tell Me About the Bible,** Jones, $2.00

**Jesus the Little New Baby,** Lloyd, $1.00

**Jesus Lights the Sabbath Lamp,** Tippitt, $1.00

**Once There Was a Little Boy,** Kunhardt, $2.50

**My First Book About Jesus,** Jones, $1.00

Older Boys and Girls

**The Children's Bible,** Sherman and Kent, $3.00

**Bible Story for Boys and Girls:** Old Testament, Bowie, $3.50

**Bible Story for Boys and Girls:** New Testament, Bowie, $2.50

**Story of the Bible,** Bowie, $3.95

There is still time to secure these for Christmas from your local book store or Pilgrim Press.

### Quarterly Filmstrip

"Palestine In Jesus' Day" Part 2 is available for the second quarter's study in the Life of Jesus from the Conference Office. The series, entitled Life of Christ I and II are additional filmstrips available.

## Christian Social Action

Kate Lee Ewing—Editor

### A New Book
### "FAITH AND CULTURE"
### By Bernard Eugene Meland

"I have no intention to review this book. My ambition is to persuade as many as I can to avail themselves of the book's excellencies — its wisdom, insights and moral force.

Bernard Eugene Meland is professor of constructive theology at the University of Chicago and co-editor of the Journal of Religion. "Faith and Culture" is the broad title by which the contents are defined. The chapter headings more specifically describe its development.

It is a book for laymen and laywomen. It will clear up confusing problems and will alert their minds.

It is a book for those of dwindling faith. It will give their confidence a needed lift.

It is a book for the active churchman. It will provide him with bricks and mortar for creative spiritual work

It is a book for the conventionally pious. It may persuade them to become devout.

It is a book for the disheartened. It will build back their morale.

It is a book for those with imagination. It can help the dreamer find direction for his dreams.

It is a book for the sophisticated. It will show them the zestfulness of simplicity.

It is a book for those afraid of social action. It may allay their fears.

It is a book for social action zealots. It will remind them of the need for other things.

It is a book alike for Christians and non-Christians. It puts Christianity in the perspective where it belongs.

This is a book for religious liberals. It will bring them up to date.

It is a book for the "neo-orthodox". It will relax their intellectual rigidity.

It is a book for the secularist. It may make him want to share the life of God.

This book is a milestone on the course of religious exploration that began with modernism more than fifty years ago. I will not embarrass the author by calling it a "great book." I prefer calling it a book of first rank importance and of premium usefullness to those with any sort of spiritual concern. For, as I see it, the chief and most immediate practical need among our churches — and I mean particularly the churches of our Congregational Christian fellowship — is to regain the radiance of an evangelical, evangelistic faith and, at the same time, to direct that radiance into the social field. Evangelism and social action belong together, both in emphasis and in organized effort. Yet with us, they have fallen clear apart.

Professor Meland has written us a handbook, although unwittingly. "Faith and Culture" — the very title sets us on our way. Let me end, therefore, with a quote that may indicate the road on which to go:

"Whenever and however attitude passes over into habitual action, the appreciative capacity becomes a form of energy affecting not only the structure of personality that embraces it but also the structure of relations that defines the whole contest of living . . . Wherever this occurs, spirit in man becomes a transformative power of social magnitude, and can thus be translated into civic and political energies." —Dwight J. Bradley

The Charles Holbrook Library
Pacific School of Religion
1708 Scenic Ave.
Berkeley 9, Calif.

## Miss Bloomer to Wichita Plymouth

After much deliberation, Miss Pauline Bloomer, Associate in Christian Education for the State Conference, has accepted an offer to become Director of Christian Education for Plymouth Congregational Church in Wichita. She was approached the middle of November by the Rev. George Ogden Kirk and the Rev. John Rossel, ministers at Plymouth. She expressed herself as feeling a need for first hand experience in a local church situation and careful investigation indicated that Plymouth Church offered unusual opportunity for putting her theories into practice. She tendered her resignation the first of December and will begin her new work the first of the year.

We are very sorry to lose Miss Bloomer from our conference staff, but are happy that her new field is within our conference bounds where we will see her and work with her often. Miss Bloomer came to us four and one half years ago following graduation from Schauffler College where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Religious Education. Previous to that time she had wide and varied experience in both civic and church life. This included clerical work, stenography, two years as Pastor's Secretary in a large Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee, and two years active service with the Women's Army Corps just before entering Schauffler.

While in the conference her main work has been related to the Church School — leadership training, curriculum, observation and counselling. She has also had charge of our Visual Education program, has given counsel to the Pilgrim Fellowship and aided in programs for women's groups. She has edited Congregational Kansas pages relating to Christian Education and Pilgrim Fellowship. "Tomorrow", a bulletin she has edited several times each year has met with warm response and will be greatly missed. She has fitted herself into the conference program in other ways too numerous to mention and has endeared herself to many in our Kansas fellowship as well as in interdonominational circles. We wish for her only the best in her new field of service.